



CITY OF LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF HEALTH

November 6, 2019

A meeting of the Lowell Board of Health was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 in the Mayor's Reception Room, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St., Lowell, MA 01852. Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

Present:

Jo-Ann Keegan, RN, MSN, Chairperson
John Donovan, DC, Board Member
William Galvin, MD, Board Member
Lisa Golden, RN, MSN, Board Member
Shawn Machado, Sr. Sanitary Code Inspector
Richard Underwood, LPS Facilities Manager

11/6/2019 - Minutes

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

1.I. **For Acceptance:** Minutes Of The October 2, 2019 Meeting Of The Board Of Health.

The Board inquired if there has been a response from Law regarding the possible fines for violations to the state-wide vaping ban.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting of the Board of Health made by Lisa Golden, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

1.II. **For Review:** Tobacco Control Monthly Report Submitted By Cesar Pungirum, Program Director.

The Board accepted and placed report on file noting the American Journal of Preventative Medicine article.

1.III. **Monthly Development Services Report** Submitted By Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado.

Senior Sanitary Code Inspector Shawn Machado reviewed the reports with the Board. Discussion occurred about the Lincoln School and the need to replace the sprayer hose under the State Sanitary Code. Mr. Machado will follow-up with the Lincoln School staff on the necessity of the equipment and its removal if not necessary.

Motion: To take Agenda item 2.1 Communication: From Lowell School Department Facilities Manager Rick Underwood Regarding Follow-up Air Quality Inspection and Agenda item 2.2 Update: Lowell Public School Repairs out of order made by Lisa Golden, seconded by John Donovan. All in favor.

Mr. Underwood spoke to the Board regarding the recent Air Quality follow-up inspection done at Lowell High School by the Massachusetts DPH Bureau of Environmental Health. Mr. Underwood informed the Board that a Purchase Order remains in place for the replacement of the remaining carpet tiles and that the roof repairs have been completed. Additionally, Mr. Machado reported that repairs to the schools noted on last month's failed inspection report have mostly been completed with the exception being the Wang School. Reports of rodents in the schools are down.

Motion: To return to the original agenda order made by Lisa Golden, seconded by John Donovan. All in favor.

Mr. Machado informed the Board that four establishments have failed two of the last three inspections and he has informed the establishments that if the next inspection results in a failure, the establishment will be closed and they will need to appear before the Board before reopening.

1.IV. Body Art Apprentice License - New

Motion: To Approve the Body Art Apprentice License for Maxwell Wiseman made by John Donovan, seconded by William Galvin. All in favor.

1.V. For Review: Trinity EMS, Inc Reports

Mr. Shawn Hunter, Trinity EMS Inc., reviewed the reports with the Board. Mr. Hunter noted that the monthly Opioid Overdose report reflects an average of less than one call per day which is a big improvement from past years, although an increase in the Pawtucketville neighborhood was occurring.

Chairwoman Jo-Ann Keegan noted on page 4 of the quarterly report had Q2 twice as a header. Board Member William Galvin felt it was time to re-evaluate the report and possible cut back on some of the information that remains stable; however, he would still like to receive the percentage of calls meeting the 8 minute threshold. Member Galvin noted that the information on page 5 has pretty consistent numbers and that the page 4 on scene times and the breakdowns would be ok to receive one time per year, although Trinity could keep doing it if they preferred. The Board asked that the graphs on pages 10-16 be removed. Additionally, the Board indicated that page 7 can also be removed. Chairwoman Keegan indicated that the graphs on pages 21-22 could be removed. Member Galvin asked that the graphs in the February report be done to show a year to year comparison. The Board also discussed the outliers on page 6.

1.VI. For Review: Board of Health 2020 Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed and set the 2020 BOH Meeting schedule.

1.VII. Informational: December 3, 2019 Unwanted Medication Drop-Off Day

The Board accepted and placed on file.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.I. **Communication:** From Lowell School Dept Facilities Manager Rick Underwood Regarding Follow-Up Air Quality Inspection.
Agenda item was taken out of order.

2.II. **Update:** Lowell Public School Repairs
Agenda item was taken out of order.

2.III. **Update:** Service Zone Plan
The Service Zone Plan update was unavailable.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3.I. **Update:** Divisional and Department Reports And Updates
The Board accepted and placed on file.

4. **Motion:** To Adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn was made at 7:17PM by John Donovan, seconded by William Galvin

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH WILL BE HELD
ON DECEMBER 11, 2019 AT 6:00PM IN THE MAYOR'S RECEPTION ROOM.**